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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 3, 2003

Mr. VITTER submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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Whereas the plight of Ali Ismaeel Abbas, 12, of Baghdad, Iraq, who lost his parents and several other relatives, suffered severe burns, and lost both his arms on March 29, 2003, during the military conflict in Iraq, has aroused concern on the part of people all around the world;

Whereas, with the approval of the Cabinet of the Government of Kuwait, First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Kuwait Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Jabir Al-Sabah personally called for Ali to receive medical treatment in Kuwait;

Whereas the Ministry of Health of Kuwait has agreed to care for the orphaned Ali;

Whereas Dr. Ahmad al-Shatti, spokesman for the Ibn Sina Hospital for Specialized Surgery, which has expertise in burn surgery, expressed welcome for Ali on behalf of the hospital;

Whereas Ali was successfully medically evacuated by United States military airlift from Baghdad, Iraq, to Nassiriya for medical tests and then to Kuwait City, Kuwait, on April 15, 2003;

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Whereas the Government and people of Kuwait are providing medical supplies and hospital assessment missions in Iraq, supplying water pumped through a pipeline they laid to the Iraqi city of Umm Qasr, and operating the Kuwait Humanitarian Operations Center, where the United States military coordinates relief operations with nongovernmental organizations, United Nations agencies, and the Government of Kuwait: Now, therefore, be it

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3       other wounded children of Iraq;

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6       by the medical assistance, water, and other  
7       humanitarian aid that the Government and people of  
8       Kuwait have provided their neighbors;

9           (4) encourages the Government and people of  
10      Kuwait to continue their humanitarian efforts; and

11          (5) expresses firm confidence that such humanitarian  
12      action will not only help heal the wounds of  
13      Ali, but will also restore comity between Kuwait and  
14      Iraq and within the region and deepen the friendship  
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